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E. O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: VENEZUELAN MOVE TO ALTER OAS CUBA POLICY

REF: (A) STATE 111558; (B) GUATEMALA 1402

1. I CALLED ON FONMIN ARENALES AT HIS RESIDENCE LAST NIGHT TO DISCUSS VENEZUELAN INITIATIVE DESCRIBED REFTEL (A) .

2. AFTER REVIEWING WITH HIM WHAT GARCIA BUSTILLOS HAD TOLD JOVA AND OUR POSITION AS STATED IN PARA 3 OF REFTEL (A), I NOTED SIMILARITY OF THIS INITIATIVE WITH EARLIER ONE OF PERUVIANS AND SAID I ASSUMED GOG POSITION REMAINED AS HE HAD GIVEN IT TO ME LAST MARCH (GUATEMALA 1402).

3. ARENALES WENT INTO LONG DISSERTATION ON HOW HEMISPHERIC ATTITUDE TOWARDS CUBA WAS CHANGING, MENTIONING SPECIFICALLY RECENT SHIFTS BY ARGENTINA AND COSTA RICA AND NOW VENEZUELA. HE SAID THAT WHILE HIS GOVERNMENT REMAINS FIRMLY OPPOSED TO ALL THAT CASTRO STANDS FOR, GOG IS BECOMING LESS INCLINED TO TAKE HARD PUBLIC POSITION AGAINST CUBA
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(UNLESS FLAGRANT DIRECT ACTION AGAINST GUATEMALA TAKES PLACE)
IN FACE OF SHRINKING HEMISPHERE (READ LATIN AMERICAN) OPPOSITION.

4. HE SAID THAT SINCE ABSTENTION IS AS GOOD AS NEGATIVE VOTE IN
ANY MOVE TO ALTER SANCTIONS HE WOULD INSTRUCT GUATEMALAN
OAS REP TO ABSTAIN ON RESOLUTION EITHER TO LIFT SANCTIONS OR MAKE
SANCTIONS OPTIONAL. HE ADDED THAT SHOULD AT ANY TIME A NEGATIVE
VOTE BECOME NECESSARY TO CARRY THE DAY CASTILLO ARRIOLA WILL BE
TOLD TO CAST SUCH VOTE. HE WILL ALSO BE TOLD TO INSIST THAT NAY
RESOLUTION AFFECTING SANCTIONS BE TAKEN BY TWO- THIRDS VOTE AND
TO KEEP IN CLOSE COMMUNICATION WITH USDEL.

5. ARENALES CALLED LATER IN EVENING TO SAY THAT FOREGOING
INSTRUCTIONS HAD ALREADY BEEN CONVEYED TO CASTILLO ARRIOLA.
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